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Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit their petition for an extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$120.00 to cover the extension for response within the first month as required by 37 CFR 1.17 is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of payment to Deposit Account No. 15-0773.

In response to the action mailed on January 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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